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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1213; A-636B)

In re Application of: Saris et al.

Serial No.: 09/724,583

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For: Nucleic Acids Encoding  
Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist-  
Related Proteins and Uses Thereof

Before the Examiner: P.M. Mertz

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 7, 2003**

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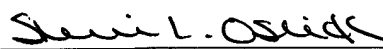
Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-5.

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